



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20463

August 6, 1999

Brad Gilman
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Arlington Courthouse Plaza II
2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1010
Arlington, Virginia 22201-3367

RE: MUR 4904
Halter Marine Group, Inc. PAC
and its treasurer

Dear Mr. Gilman:

On August 3, 1999, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

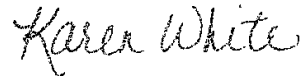
The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B). The enclosed conciliation agreement, however, will become a part of the public record.

Mr. Brad Gilman
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Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files.
If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Karen White
Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
) MUR 4904
Halter Marine Group Inc. PAC)
and its treasurer)
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Halter Marine Group Inc. PAC and its treasurer, ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. Halter Marine Group Inc. PAC is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is not an authorized committee of any candidate.
2. James Ogden was the treasurer of Halter Marine Group Inc. PAC in October 1998.

3. In any calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, all political committees that choose not to file on a monthly basis shall file quarterly reports which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter. 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

4. Respondents opted to file quarterly reports for the 1998 calendar year.

5. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i), Respondents' 1998 October Quarterly Report was due on October 15, 1998. Respondents filed the October Quarterly Report on February 3, 1999, 111 days late, disclosing receipts of \$18,044 and disbursements of \$8,500.

V. Respondents failed to file timely the 1998 October Quarterly Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500), pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.


IX. Respondents shall have no more than 30 days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

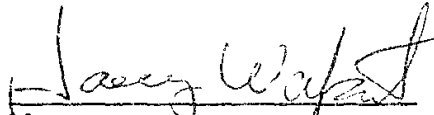
BY:


Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

Date

8/6/99

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Name: HARVEY WALPERT
Position: TREASURER

Date

July 13, 1999